

PLAN COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 2016 - 5:00 P.M.

Members Present: Fred Horne, Ron Volkert, Mike Kastens, Jim Zajkowski, David Wilford, MaryKay Rice, Kyle Hinrichs and Sarah Skinner (ex-officio)

Others Present: Beth Thompson, Tanya Batchelor, Noah Wiedenfeld, Jeremiah Wendt, Roger Lindloff, Mike Darrow, Jeff Abboud and James Koenig

Fred Horne called the meeting to order and roll call was taken.

Jim Zajkowski moved to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Mike Kastens and carried.

Mike Kastens moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on September 6, 2016, seconded by MaryKay Rice and carried.

Public Hearing

Fred Horne declared the Public Hearing open to discuss an Amendment of the City of New Richmond Official Map to consider interchange alignments at WI HWY 64/North Fourth Street/Wall Street (CR CC). Jeremiah Wendt explained that the original concept included an overpass and closing the Wall Street crossroad. Staff has been working with the DOT and stakeholders in that area to come up with a solution that everyone can support. Several public meetings were held to gather information from property owners along with individual meetings with affected landowners. The solution that everyone supports includes an overpass that is west of Wall Street and connects at North Fourth Street and Wall Street north of the National Guard building and adjacent pond. Discussion followed. The Public Hearing was declared closed. Mike Kastens moved to approve the amendment to the official right of way map, seconded by Jim Zajkowski and carried. Fred Horne asked that the map of the amendment be sent to property owners along that area. The amendment will be taken to Council for action in November.

Amendment of Section 121-44 of the Zoning Ordinance Regulating Signs

There was discussion regarding the sign ordinance. At the August Plan Commission meeting there was concern expressed regarding temporary signs. Since that meeting, Beth and Noah have met with Farm & Home regarding their temporary sign and checked into the cost for them to have a secondary ground sign. This would actually save them more than \$1000 the first year and \$2,000 each year thereafter so they agreed to put up the secondary ground sign. Any business located on a frontage road, under the new sign ordinance, would be allowed a second ground sign. Temporary signs are still allowed for up to 2 two-week periods per year. Discussion followed. Fred Horne questioned how non-compliant signs will be treated. This is covered in another second of the zoning ordinance. Noah has created a simplified document explaining the sign ordinance for the building inspection area to hand out that is much more user friendly than reading through the new ordinance. Jim Zajkowski moved to approve the amendment to Section 121-44 of the Zoning Ordinance regulating signs, seconded by MaryKay Rice and carried. Fred Horne voted no. This ordinance will be discussed by the Council in October.

Kyle Hinrichs moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by David Wilford and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Tanya Batchelor
City Clerk